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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN PRIME MINISTER NOTES U.S. RETICENCE IN AFRICA,
REITERATES SUPPORT FOR ME PEACE EFFORTS

1. IN A JEUNE AFRIQUE INTERVIEW REPRINTED IN LOCAL PRESS

MARCH 6, PRIME MINISTER AHMED OSMAN NOTED AMERICAN RETICENCE
REGARDING INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS. UNDERLINING THE
U.S. GREAT POWER ROLE, OSMAN HOPED THAT THE U.S. WOULD MAKE
A CAREFUL GEOPOLITICAL ANALYSIS OF CURRENT TROUBLES IN
AFRICA AND WOULD DISCOVER THEIR INSTIGATOR (READ: SOVIET UNION).
OSMAN ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT MOROCCO WAS RETURNING TO THE
"NORTH-SOUTH AXIS" WHICH HAD DOMINATED MOROCCAN HISTORY;
I.E., NORTH TO EUROPE AND SOUTH TO AFRICA.

2. OSMAN ALSO CITED THE ACTIVE ROLE THE GOM HAD PLAYED IN
MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS, NOTING THAT KING HASSAN HAD

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FAVORED FROM THE BEGINNING THE PRELIMINARY CONTACTS BETWEEN
SADAT AND BEGIN. OSMAN WELCOMED VISITS TO MOROCCO BY JEWS
FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, STATING THAT "THERE IS IN OUR COUNTRY
SUCCESSFUL JEWISH-ARAB COEXISTENCE".

3. COMMENT: THE OSMAN INTERVIEW REFLECTS CONTINUING MOROCCAN
DISMAY AT WHAT IS PERCEIVED AS AMERICAN FENCE-SITTING ON THE

SAHARA AND ON OTHER AFRICAN PROBLEMS (ANGOLA, SHABA, CHAD, THE HORN). IT ALSO GIVES NOTICE OF CONTINUING GOM WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AS A MODERATOR BETWEEN THE ARABS AND THE ISRAELIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS.

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